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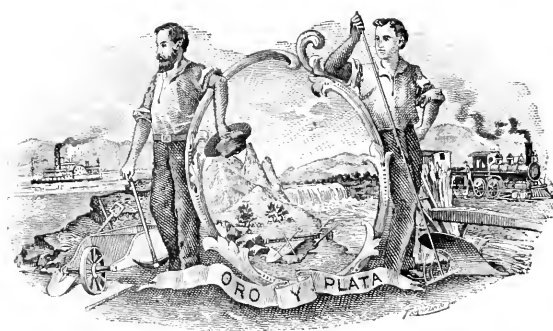
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Office of the State Board of Land Commissioners,

Helena, Montana, December 1, 1900.

To the Seventh Legislative Assembly:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3505 of the Political Code, the State Board of Land Commissioners herewith submit its Ninth Biennial Report.

The two fiscal years of 1899 and 1900 have brought flattering returns to the State Land Department. The work of appraising and classifying the State Lands is now complete with the exception of the School Lands in the recent surveys. As plats of the new surveys are filed in the State Land Office immediately after approval by the Surveyor General of Montana, we find that the School Lands in the new surveys amount to 219,086 acres located in the following counties:

Beaverhead	11,598.12	acres.
Carbon	19,904.85	"
Cascade	1,799.21	"
Choteau	87,179.25	"
Dawson	20,442.23	"
Deer Lodge	640.00	"
Fergus	2,560.00	"
Flathead	19,048.80	"
Lewis & Clarke	4,964.30	"
Madison	640.00	"
Meagher	4,480.00	"
Missoula	5,792.00	"
Ravalli	1,280.00	"
Sweet Grass	9,482.99	"
Valley	30,634.12	"
Yellowstone	640.00	"

Total 219,086.20 acres.

While practically none of this land is appraised, still, however, there is considerable of it leased under yearly permits which run from year to year, until the land is appraised and properly advertised for sale and lease.

SELECTIONS OF STATE LANDS.

During the year 1899 the State selected 218,058.34 acres and in 1900 there were selected 228,814.39 acres making a total of 446,872.73 acres. Of this amount 13,943.58 acres are good timber lands located in the western part of the state and selected mostly for the credit of the Capitol Building Grant. The remainder is classified as grazing land and has been selected on the application of prospective lessees, and placed to the credit of the School Fund as Indemnity School selections.

To meet the demands made for the leasing of state lands the Board deemed it advantageous to the School Fund to relinquish the school lands in some of the Indian and Forest Reservations and select lieu or Indemnity lands as provided by Act of Congress. Accordingly the school lands in the following reservations were relinquished and Indemnity lands selected in lieu thereof.

Fort Peck Indian Reservation	115,840.00	acres
Blackfeet Indian Reservation	88,480.00	"
East one-half L. & C. Forest Reservation..	86,560.00	"
Bitter Root Forest Reservation	24,180.00	"
Total	315,060.00	acres

In addition to the selection of 315,060 acres in lieu of school lands lost by Indian and Forest Reserves the State selected 52,281.45 acres of Indemnity school lands in lieu of school lands lost by reason of their being mineral in character or claimed by settlers prior to the public survey, making a total of 367,341.45 acres of Indemnity School lands selected in the last two years and practically all placed under lease at the rate of \$80.00 per section per annum.

RELINQUISHMENTS.

On December 15, 1898, the Board acting under the permission of the Secretary of the Interior, relinquished to the

United States 8,722.30 acres of undesirable selections made in 1893 in Flathead county, hoping thereby, to secure more valuable timber lands in lieu thereof. The lands relinquished were credited to the following grants.

Agricultural College Bond ..	2,555.21	acres
Reform School	740.78	"
School of Mines.....	1,738.40	"
Normal School	1,799.36	"
Deaf & Dumb A.....	1,888.55	"

Total 8,722.30 acres

Subsequent to this relinquishment however, that portion of Flathead county in which these lands are located was embraced in the Flathead Forest Reserve by Act of Congress together with other lands in this vicinity.

Under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved June 4, 1897, the State is granted the privilege of surrendering its lands within the Forest Reservation and selecting lieu lands therefor. The State therefore decided to the United States 24,528.17 acres of approved selections belonging to the following grants, viz:

School	6,119.17	acres
Agricultural College Bond ..	4,176.52	"
Normal School	2,852.00	"
Public Buildings	8,184.64	"
Reform School	318.10	"
School Mines	2,867.14	"

Total 24,528.17 acres

In addition to the above the State relinquished 2,634.67 acres of unapproved selections in said Reserve and belonging to the following grants, viz:

Agricultural College Bond ..	634.67	acres
Normal School	640.00	"
Reform School	1,040.00	"
School of Mines	320.00	"

Total 2,634.67 acres

Under the provisions of the Act of June 4, 1897, the State selected or "scripped" lands in lieu of State lands falling within the Flathead Forest Reserve, 4,118.04 acres to the credit of the following grants, viz:

Agricultural College Bond ..	2,160.00 acres
Public Buildings	1,958.04 "
Total	4,118.04 acres

Of this "scripped" land, 3,838.04 acres are valuable timber lands and 280 acres of agricultural lands, the former being located in Missoula County and the latter in Teton County. In this way the State was enabled to select unsurveyed lands being thus placed on an equal footing with land and timber speculators who are filing upon valuable tracts of land with Forest Reserve Scrip in advance of the public surveys.

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY.

To establish its preference rights in the selection of land, the State has made application for the survey of the following townships, viz:

February 1, 1899.

Tps. 30, 31 and 32, N. Ranges 7, 8, 9, and 10 E.

March 14, 1899.

Tps. 29, N. Rgs. 24, 25, 27 and 28 W.

Tps. 30 N., Rgs. 23, 24 and 25 W.

T. 31 N., R. 25 W.

June 6, 1899.

Tps. 13 and 14 N., Rgs. 24, 25 and 26 W.

T. 16 N., R. 23 W.

July 3, 1899.

Tps. 9 N., Rgs. 18 and 19 W.

T. 10 N., R. 18 W.

T. 11 N., Rgs. 18 and 19 W.

Tps. 12 N., Rgs. 18 and 19 W.

Tps. 13 N., Rgs. 12, 18, 19 and 23 W.

Tps. 14 N., Rgs. 12, 22 and 23 W.

Tps. 15 N., Rgs. 23 and 25 W.

Tps. 16 N., Rgs. 22, 24, 25 and 26 W.

Tps. 17 N., Rgs. 23, 24, 25 and 26 W.

T. 18 N., R. 27 W.

T. 20 N., R. 27 W.

Tps. 21 N., Rgs. 25 and 30 W.

The greater portion of this territory is covered with timber and it is the desire of the Board to secure as much as possible of this character of land for the Capitol Building Grant of which there remains 32,000 acres yet to select.

However, the Northern Pacific Railroad Company having made application for the survey of a portion of this land several days prior to that of the State, intending thereby to select Indemnity lands upon the even numbered sections under the Act of Congress, of March 2, 1899. The Commissioner of the General Land Office has decided that the prior application of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company has secured it the preference in the matter in the following townships, viz:

Tps. 14 and 16 N., 22 W.; 13, 14, 15 17 N., R. 23 W.; 1 and 17 N., Rgs. 24 and 26 W.; 15, 16, 17, 21 N., R. 25 W.; 18 and 20 N., R. 27 W., and 21 N., R. 30 W.

CONTESTS.

In 1899, the State in attempting to select eleven quarter sections of timber land in Missoula county, was compelled to contest the claims of several parties who apparently endeavored to secure the land under the Homestead laws for the timber thereon, and selling the timber to the lumber companies before title is perfected as is the practice to a considerable extent in this region.

Upon a hearing of the eleven cases before the Local United States Land Office at Missoula The Register decided seven of the cases favorable to the State and four against. All the cases being appealed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Hon. Commissioner decided all of the cases in favor of the State. The several parties now appealed to the Secretary of the Interior with the result that the Hon. Secretary has rendered three decisions favorable to the State, and the other eight cases are still pending.

C. H. Merrill having attempted to file a Desert Land Filing upon section 36, T. 20, R. 10 E., when said land was known to be

school land, the State has initiated a contest for this land, which is still pending.

James Wright having attempted to secure title to Lots 3, 4, 6, 7, section 10, T. 29 N., R. 5 E., which were selected by the State for Public Buildings, the case was heard before the United States Commissioner at Fort Benton. The Register of the local United States Land Office decided adversely to the State and the same has been appealed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

SCHOOL OF MINES BONDS.

Complying with the provisions of an Act of the Fifth Legislative Assembly, approved March 8, 1897, the Board, acting in conjunction with the Trustees of the School of Mines, advertised for bids for \$120,000.00 of School of Mine's Bonds to take up the outstanding warrants, thereby stopping to a considerable extent the interest charges on said warrants.

Upon November 27, 1900, at a joint meeting, the bid of the State Treasurer to take the Bonds at par drawing five per cent interest, said bonds to be payable in 15 years and maturing at the expiration of 30 years, was accepted, and the bonds ordered sold.

For a full statement of the leasing and sales of State Lands the reader is respectfully referred to the report of the Register of State Lands, and the status of the several grants is fully given in the following tables.

TABLE NO. 1.
STATUS OF SCHOOL LANDS.

County	Acres Surveyed	Indemnity Selections	Total	Acres Appraised	Appraised Value
Beaverhead.....	66,398.12	15,996.09	82,094.21	70,497.09	\$ 105,222 18
Broadwater.....	17,675.30	1,888.90	19,514.20	19,514.20	11,831 25
Carbon.....	37,850.79		37,850.79	35,980.79	58,925 20
Cascade.....	80,011.21	50,102.06	130,113.27	102,616.28	179,016 12
Choteau.....	338,238.25	138,890.03	477,128.28	389,949.03	621,644 65
Custer.....	161,093.42		161,093.42	161,093.42	214,320 90
Dawson.....	79,111.99	2,559.50	81,671.49	61,232.26	73,924 05
Deer Lodge.....	12,320.00	27,132.36	69,152.36	68,812.36	127,444 72
Fergus.....	226,200.00	69,359.46	296,059.46	293,199.16	427,158 92
Flathead.....	59,581.07		59,581.07	40,535.27	60,802 00
Gallatin.....	32,952.00	1,280.00	34,232.00	34,232.00	70,480 00
Granite.....	9,840.00		9,840 00	9,840 00	17,750 00
Jefferson.....	25,397.38		25,397.38	25,397.38	35,957 06
Lewis and Clarke.....	13,061.18	11,264.08	54,325.26	49,360.96	95,285 98
Madison.....	70,492.97	9,598.31	80,091.28	79,451.28	100,270 80
Meagher.....	81,280.00	3,362.28	81,642.28	80,162.28	116,764 56
Missoula.....	28,719.17		28,719.17	22,386.78	35,597 06
Park.....	31,918.95		31,918.95	34,918.95	63,714 75
Ravalli.....	17,975.56		17,975.56	17,975.56	36,154 30
Silver Bow.....	2,760.00	1,483.03	4,243 03	4,243.03	9,346 06
Sweet Grass.....	62,425.42	6,298.46	68,723.88	58,600.88	94,904 44
Teton.....	119,748.38	23,193.49	142,941.87	142,911.87	214,821 62
Valley.....	77,329.65		77,329.65	46,695.50	63,338 36
Yellowstone.....	82,406.55	4,483.40	86,889.95	86,889.95	120,187 70
Totals.....	1,800,893.36	367,311.45	2,170,234.81	1,809,496.38	\$ 3,015,155 68

TABLE NO. 2.
CHARACTER OF APPRAISED SCHOOL LANDS.

County.	Acres Grazing.	Agricultural	Timber.	M Feet Saw Timber.	Value at \$2 per M.
Beaverhead.....	65,877.09	5,120.00			
Broadwater.....	16,201.02	3,313.18			
Carbon.....	33,970.79	1,960.00			
Cascade.....	94,681.03	4,535.25			
Custer.....	160,090.02	4,003.40		720.00	
Choteau.....	379,162.52	6,276.25			
Dawson.....	69,102.59	1,129.67			
Deer Lodge.....	56,473.36	3,280.00		9,060.00	
Fergus.....	291,119.46	1,440.00		640.00	\$ 38,960 00
Flathead.....	1,050.23	4,856.15	31,468.78	100	200 00
Gallatin.....	28,232.00	6,000.00		64,901	129,802 00
Granite.....	7,680.00	1,520.00		640.00	
Jefferson.....	24,757.38	1,640.00			
Lewis & Clarke.....	47,922.86	1,438.10			
Madison.....	67,270.97	3,220.00			
Meagher.....	77,442.28	2,729.00			
Missoula.....	3,300.00	2,380.00		19,086.00	63,020
Park.....	30,918.95	4,000.00			126,040 00
Ravalli.....	7,835.58	2,720.00	6,140.00	29,370	58,740 00
Silver Bow.....	3,923.03	320.00			
Sweet Grass.....	56,388.85	2,212.03			
Teton.....	196,773.34	1,723.59			
Valley.....	45,869.92	885.38			
Yellowstone.....	84,719.95	2,170.00			
Totals.....	1,614,807.20	67,362.20	67,754.78	176,871	\$353,742 00

TABLE NO. 3.

STATUS OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING GRANT.

Total Grant.....182,000.00 Acres

Amount Selected.....149,932.64 “

Amount Approved.....118,257.01 “

County	Acres Selected	Acres Appraised	Appraised Value	Rate Per Acre
Beaverhead.....	6,761.09	6,761.09	\$ 8,451.36	\$ 1.25
Broadwater.....	15,589.02	15,589.02	25,721.88	1.65
Cascade.....	560.00	560.00	760.00	1.56
Choteau.....	6,077.42	6,077.42	12,154.84	2.00
Dawson.....	640.00	640.00	1,680.00	2.50
Deer Lodge.....	13,909.08	13,909.08	13,909.08	1.00
Flathead.....	35,223.07	34,228.43	37,651.27	1.10
Gallatin.....	14,626.40	14,626.40	25,567.20	1.70
Lewis and Clarke.....	6,964.90	6,964.90	12,188.56	1.75
Madison.....	19,845.00	19,945.00	22,931.70	1.15
Meagher.....	640.00	640.00	1,280.00	2.00
Missoula.....	19,558.19	19,558.19	19,558.19	1.00
Ravalli.....	6,718.47	6,718.47	6,921.32	1.03
Teton.....	2,720.00	2,720.00	5,440.00	2.00
Total.....	149,932.64	149,028.00	\$ 193,135.40	\$ 1.30

TABLE NO. 4.

CHARACTER OF CAPITOL BUILDING LANDS.

County	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber	M Feet Saw Timber	Value at \$2.00
Beaverhead.....	6,761.09				
Broadwater.....	15,589.02				
Cascade.....	400.00	160.00			
Choteau.....	6,077.42				
Dawson.....	560.00	80.00			
Deer Lodge.....	2,589.08	480.00	10,840.00	40,825	\$ 81,750.00
Flathead.....	160.00		34,068.43	126,280	252,560.00
Gallatin.....	14,466.40	160.00			
Lewis and Clarke.....	6,604.90	360.00			
Madison.....	19,285.00	160.00			
Meagher.....	640.00				
Missoula.....			19,558.19	104,750	203,500.00
Ravalli.....	2,718.47		1,000.00	12,830	25,660.00
Teton.....	2,000.00	720.00			
Total.....	77,691.38	2,480.00	68,456.62	281,685	\$ 563,370.00

TABLE NO. 5.

STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE GRANT.

Total Grant.....140,000.00 Acres
 Amount Selected.....134,486.05 "
 Amount Approved..... 97,951.64 "

County	Acres Selected.	Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value.	Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead.....	9,636.30	9,636.30	\$ 12,035.47	\$ 1.25
Carbon.....	3,897.93	3,897.93	7,795.86	2.00
Cascade.....	760.00	760.00	1,520.00	2.00
Choteau.....	18,120.34	18,120.34	36,240.68	2.00
Deer Lodge.....	3,080.00	3,080.00	3,600.00	1.16
Flathead.....	27,185.21	27,185.21	27,728.91	1.02
Gallatin.....	3,093.71	3,093.71	6,292.38	2.12
Jefferson.....	1,645.84	1,645.84	5,492.09	1.18
Lewis & Clarke.....	10,062.74	10,062.74	21,332.10	1.98
Madison.....	15,918.58	15,918.58	17,510.20	1.10
Meagher.....	12,401.31	12,401.31	24,802.62	2.00
Missoula.....	14,457.26	14,457.26	14,457.26	1.00
Ravalli.....	5,760.00	5,760.00	6,520.00	1.12
Sweetgrass.....	1,280.00	1,280.00	2,560.00	2.00
Teton.....	4,186.83	4,186.83	8,373.66	2.00
Totals.....	134,486.05	134,486.05	\$ 196,361.23	\$ 1.46

TABLE NO. 6.

CHARACTER OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE LANDS.

County.	Grazing.	Agricultural.	Timber.	Amt. Saw Timber.	Value at \$2 per M.
Beaverhead.....	9,636.30				
Carbon.....	3,897.93				
Cascade.....	760.00				
Choteau.....	18,120.34				
Deer Lodge.....	500.00		2,580.00	6,110 M	\$ 12,280.00
Flathead.....		689.64	26,495.57	74,598	149,196.00
Gallatin.....	2,773.71	320.00			
Jefferson.....	4,645.84				
Lewis & Clarke.....	10,062.74				
Madison.....	15,918.58				
Meagher.....	12,401.31				
Missoula.....	480.00		13,977.2	55,350	110,740.00
Ravalli.....	5,760.00				
Sweetgrass.....	1,280.00				
Teton.....	4,186.83				
Totals.....	90,422.58	1,009.64	43,042.81	186,108 M.	\$ 272,216.00

TABLE NO. 7.

STATUS OF THE SCHOOL OF MINES GRANT.

Total Grant.....100,000.00 Acres
 Amount Selected..... 96,735.05 “
 Amount Approved..... 73,971.45 “

County	Acres Selected	Acres Appraised	Appraised Value	Rate Per Acre
Beaverhead.....	10,564.82	10,562.82	\$ 10,735 13	\$ 1 05
Cascade.....	10,978.67	10,978.67	21,957 34	2 00
Choteau.....	24,039.58	24,039.58	48,079 16	2 00
Deer Lodge.....	1,509.15	1,509.15	2,263 72	1 50
Flathead.....	25,108.93	25,108.93	27,619 82	1 10
Gallatin.....	9,184.03	9,184.03	17,933 33	1 92
Lewis and Clarke.....	4,163.53	4,163.53	7,286 17	1 75
Madison.....	5,106.08	5,106.08	5,820 93	1 14
Meagher.....	80.00	80.00	160 00	2 00
Ravalli.....	3,280.00	3,280.00	3,340 00	1 01
Teton.....	2,720.26	2,720.26	3,640 32	1 34
Totals.....	96,735.05	96,735.05	\$ 118,536 92	\$ 1 34

TABLE NO. 8.

CHARACTER OF SCHOOL OF MINES LANDS.

County	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber	M Feet Timber	Value at \$2.00 Per M.
Beaverhead.....	10,564.82				
Cascade.....	10,978.67				
Choteau.....	24,039.58				
Deer Lodge.....	920.00			400	\$ 800 00
Flathead.....		1,461.80	23,647 13	97,685	195,370 00
Gallatin.....	9,184.03	40.00			
Lewis and Clarke.....	4,163.53				
Madison.....	5,106.08				
Meagher.....	80.00				
Ravalli.....			3,280.00	12,900	25,800 00
Teton.....	2,720.26				
Totals.....	67,116.97	1,501.80	27,516.28	110,985	221,970 00

TABLE NO. 9.

STATUS OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL GRANT.

Total Grant.....100,000.00 Acres
 Amount Selected..... 98,590.02 “
 Amount Approved..... 92,647.24 “

County.	Acres Selected.	Acres Appraised.	Value.	Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead.....	18,713.57	18,713.57	\$ 39,427 14	\$ 2 00
Cascade.....	3,241.11	3,241.11	5,094 43	1 57
Choteau.....	15,671.25	15,671.25	31,342 50	2 00
Flathead.....	23,570.25	23,570.25	23,570 25	1 00
Gallatin.....	7,031.90	7,031.90	15,330 18	2 09
Lewis & Clarke.....	2,292.14	2,292.14	4,584 28	2 00
Madison.....	15,669.37	15,669.37	16,281 74	1 04
Meagher.....	1,120.00	1,120.00	2,240 00	2 00
Missoula.....	5,561.14	5,561.14	5,564 14	1 00
Ravalli.....	1,951.82	1,951.82	2,440 76	1 25
Teton.....	3,784.47	3,784.47	7,658 94	2 00
Totals.....	98,590.02	98,590.02	\$ 153,144 36	\$ 1 55

TABLE NO. 10.

CHARACTER OF NORMAL SCHOOL LAND.

County.	Grazing.	Agricultural.	Timber.	M Feet Timber.	Value at \$2 per M.
Beaverhead.....	18,713.57				
Cascade.....	3,241.11				
Choteau.....	15,671.25				
Flathead.....		109.98	23,460.37	52,770	\$ 105,540 00
Gallatin.....	6,311.90	720.60			
Lewis & Clarke.....	2,292.14				
Madison.....	15,669.37				
Meagher.....	1,120.00				
Missoula.....			5,561.11	29,375	58,710 00
Ravalli.....	1,951.02				
Teton.....	3,784.47				
Totals.....	68,754.83	829.98	29,024.51	82,125	\$ 164,250 00

TABLE NO. II.

STATUS OF THE REFORM SCHOOL GRANT.

Total Grant.....50,000.00 Acres
 Amount Selected.....49,817.27 “
 Amount Approved.....44,256.78 “

County	Acres Selected	Appraised Value	Rate Per Acre
Beaverhead.....	5,960.00	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 1.03
Carbon.....	3,849.93	7,699.86	2.00
Cascade.....	2,433.42	4,866.84	2.00
Choteau.....	2,495.19	4,990.38	2.00
Deer Lodge.....	8,175.57	9,521.05	1.10
Fergus.....	1,275.56	1,594.51	1.25
Flathead.....	4,438.91	4,572.73	1.03
Gallatin.....	642.32	642.32	1.00
Jefferson.....	2,853.37	2,853.37	1.00
Lewis and Clarke.....	1,160.00	2,320.00	2.00
Madison.....	5,810.35	7,262.35	1.25
Meagher.....	10,722.60	21,445.20	2.00
Totals.....	49,817.27	\$ 73,568.61	\$ 1.48

TABLE NO. 12.

CHARACTER OF REFORM SCHOOL LANDS.

County	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber	M Feet Timber	Value at \$2.00 Per M.
Beaverhead.....	5,960.00				
Carbon.....	3,849.93				
Cascade.....	2,433.42				
Choteau.....	2,495.19				
Deer Lodge.....	4,029.57		4,046.00	16,900	\$ 33,800.00
Fergus.....	1,275.51				
Flathead.....			4,438.91	9,450	18,900.00
Gallatin.....	642.32				
Jefferson.....	2,853.37				
Lewis and Clarke.....	1,160.00				
Madison.....	5,810.35				
Meagher.....	10,722.60				
Totals.....	41,230.36		8,481.91	26,350	\$ 52,700.00

TABLE NO. 13.

STATUS OF THE DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM GRANT.

Total Grant.....50,000.00 Acres

Amount Selected51,047.45 “

Amount Approved44,777.43 “

County.	Acres Selected.	Acres Appraised	Appraised Value.	Rate per Acre
Beaverhead.....	6,340.00	6,840.00	\$ 6,840.00	\$ 1.00
Deer Lodge.....	1,520.00	1,520.00	2,350.00	1.54
Flathead.....	14,310.49	14,310.49	14,739.80	1.03
Gallatin.....	2,577.44	2,577.44	2,324.92	1.20
Lewis and Clarke.....	1,640.00	1,640.00	2,900.00	1.75
Madison.....	3,553.36	2,580.00	2,680.00	1.03
Meagher.....	12,964.40	12,964.40	25,928.20	2.00
Missoula.....	4,840.40	4,840.40	4,840.40	1.00
Totals.....	54,017.45	50,074.00	\$ 65,563.32	\$ 1.12

TABLE NO. 14.

CHARACTER OF DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM LANDS.

County.	Grazing.	Agricultural.	Timber.	M Feet Saw Timber.	Value at \$2 per M.
Beaverhead.....	6,840.00				\$
Deer Lodge.....	540.00		980.00	1,040	2,080.00
Flathead.....			14,310.49	31,255	62,510.00
Gallatin.....	2,577.44				
Jefferson.....	2,801.36				
Lewis and Clarke.....	1,640.00				
Madison.....	3,553.36				
Meagher.....	12,964.40				
Missoula.....			4,840.40	15,835	31,670.00
Totals.....	30,916.56		20,130.89	48,125	\$ 96,260.00

TABLE NO. 15.

STATUS OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANT.

Total Grant.....46,080.48 Acres

(All Selected and Patented to the State.)

County	Acres	Appraised Value	Rate Per Acre
Broadwater.....	640.00	\$ 1,600 00	\$ 2 50
Cascade.....	1,485.94	6,641 35	4 48
Custer.....	4,452.74	6,700 78	1 26
Deer Lodge.....	313.87	1,569 35	5 00
Fergus.....	13,731.72	20,800 00	1 51
Flathead.....	9,879.12	65,855 40	6 63
Gallatin.....	2,887.90	8,316 73	2 88
Granite.....	635.84	1,590 00	2 50
Jefferson.....	1,281.92	2,681 20	2 08
Lewis and Clarke.....	1,920.00	9,600 00	5 00
Madison.....	800.00	1,260 00	1 70
Meagher.....	4,147.68	8,295 36	2 00
Missoula.....	1,280.00	2,560 00	2 00
Park.....	957.45	3,040 00	3 17
Yellowstone.....	1,655.60	2,885 60	1 37
Totals.....	46,080.78	\$ 142,600 77	\$ 3 09

TABLE NO. 16.

CHARACTER OF UNIVERSITY LANDS.

County	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber	M Feet Timber	Value at \$2.00 Per M.
Broadwater.....	640.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cascade.....	865.94	620.00	.....	.....	.....
Custer.....	3,849.05	604.69	.....	.....	.....
Deer Lodge.....	153.87	160.00	.....	.....	.....
Fergus.....	13,091.72	640.00	.....	.....	.....
Flathead.....	320.00	8,251.94	1,397.18	4,600	\$ 9,200 00
Gallatin.....	2,236.30	651.00	.....	.....	.....
Granite.....	395.84	240.00	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	1,281.92	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke.....	1,920.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison.....	320.00	480 00	.....	.....	.....
Meagher.....	3,987.68	160.00	.....	.....	.....
Missoula.....	.....	.....	1,280.00	3,750	7,500 00
Park.....	477.45	480.00	.....	.....	.....
Yellowstone.....	1,655.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	31,217.32	12,286.63	1,587.18	8,350	\$ 16,700 00

TABLE NO 17

SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF SELECTED LANDS IN EACH COUNTY.

County.	Acres Granted Lands.	Acres Incemnty School Lands.	Total No. Acres.
Beaverhead.....	58,313.78	15,696.09	74,009.87
Broadwater.....	16,229.02	1,838.90	18,067.92
Carbon.....	7,747.86		7,747.86
Cascade.....	19,359.14	50,402.06	69,761.20
Choteau.....	66,403.78	138,890.03	205,293.81
Custer.....	4,453.74		4,453.74
Dawson.....	640.00		3,199.50
Deer Lodge.....	26,621.59	27,132.26	53,753.85
Fergus.....	15,007.33	69,859.16	84,866.49
Flathead.....	139,715.98		139,715.98
Gallatin.....	39,404.70	1,280.00	40,684.70
Granite.....	635.84		635.84
Jefferson.....	11,582.51		11,582.51
Lewis and Clarke.....	28,303.51	11,264.08	39,567.59
Madison.....	66,802.74	9,598.31	76,401.05
Meagher.....	42,075.68	3,362.28	45,437.96
Missoula.....	45,539.99		45,539.99
Park.....	957.45		957.45
Ravalli.....	17,710.29		17,710.29
Silver Bow.....		1,483.03	1,483.03
Sweet Grass.....	1,280.00	6,298.46	7,578.46
Teton.....	13,131.56	23,193.49	36,325.05
Valley.....			
Yellowstone.....	1,665.60	4,483.40	6,149.00
Totals.....	626,502.09	367,341.45	993,843.54
Amount of surveyed school lands.....			1,800,893.36
Total amount of State Lands.....			2,794,736.90

Respectfully submitted,

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